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Foggy Bottom Battleground:

West End Tenants' Association versus The George Washington University



A conflict between the West End Tenants' Association and the George Washington University appears to be turning into a landmark Foggy Bottom fight.

Many tenants of the 61-year old building at 2124 Eye Street are questioning the legality of the recent signing by the University of a long-term lease on the rent-controlled building.

Tenants and GW officials met August 11 to talk over the issue, but the meeting at GWU's Marvin Center often became emotional, and was punctuated by shouting on both sides. The disagreement has been chronicled by the *Washington Post* (Saturday, Sept. 17, 1988) and has attracted the attention of Democratic Ward 2 Council member John Wilson, who supports the tenants in the case, and is working to set up hearings before Council members. Another backer of the tenants' side is Council member John Ray (D-at-large) who set up a roundtable discussion before the D.C. Council's Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

The complaints of the tenants stem from a 1981 D.C. Council bond bill issuing \$30 million in tax-exempt bonds to the University for construction. Included in the bill was a clause forbidding GWU to initiate discussion for the purpose of purchasing the West End until 1991.

But in July, according to the *Post*, GWU signed a so-called "master lease" with building owners Thomas A. Bradford, Jr., Gerard P. Thomas and their families. The *Post* says the master lease gives the school the exclusive right to purchase the building after 1997, and names a cash sum. But GW officials say the lease doesn't violate the bond agreement because the

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Joe Miller Honored at June Meeting

At the June meeting the FBA honored Joe W. Miller of the Second Metropolitan Police Second District for his help to the citizens of our area. Miller is a community relations officer and regularly attends FBA meetings to keep us up to date on police, crime and safety issues. In addition, he is always helpful to the Association and to individual citizens who have questions or requests concerning police activities. FBA President Richard Price presented Miller with a plaque which read:

The Foggy Bottom Association expresses appreciation to Joe W. Miller for his continuing care and concern for the safety of the citizens of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities.

On hand for the presentation were Captain Robert Gales, who had just been assigned responsibility for our sector, and Marty Clark of the Community Relations office.

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MEETING Foggy Bottom Association

Speaker:
Councilmember John A. Wilson

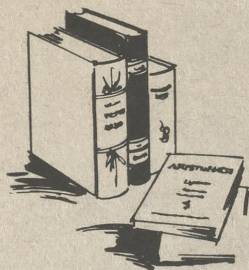
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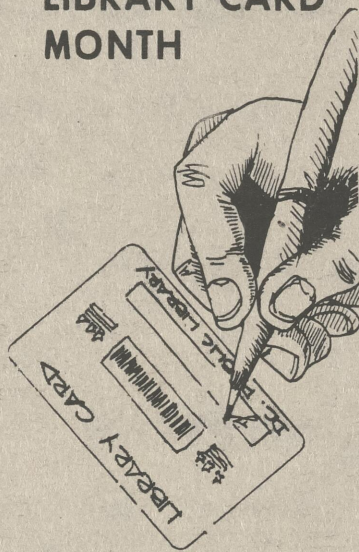
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Readings for "The Journey Inward" are autobiographies written by women. The program on October 1 features *Letters of a Woman Homesteader*

written by turn-of-the century pioneer Elinore Pruitt Stewart. Rounding out the series are black writer Zora Neale Hurston's *Dust Tracks on a Road* (October 15), dancer Isadora Duncan's *My Life* (October 29) and Anthropologist Margaret Mead's *Blackberry Winter* (November 12).

At the beginning of each program a local scholar provides background on the author and insights on the book, relates the reading to the series' theme and raises questions to spark discussion. Small-group sessions follow. At the end participants come together for a brief wrap-up. Books for the series may be borrowed from the library.

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G. Patrick Kane Celebrates Ten Years at Columbia

September marked the tenth anniversary of the administration of G. Patrick Kane, President and Chief Executive Officer of the 122-year old hospital.

Columbia has achieved considerable progress under Mr. Kane's direction, as is evident to Foggy Bottom neighbors who have used the facility as well as those who just pass by. The women who depend upon Columbia's physicians and services for their health care may have benefited from one of the new programs and/or services that have been developed under Mr. Kane. These innovative programs include the Betty Ford Breast Diagnostic Center; the first Reproductive Toxicology

Center in the world; the Center for Fertility and Reproductive Endocrinology; its Gynecological Oncology program and the Continence Center.

In addition to the new services and programs which have been implemented under Mr. Kane's leadership, Columbia Hospital has had a significant impact on the community by enhancing the technological capabilities of one of the area's finest Neonatal Intensive Care Units, establishing a high-risk antepartum unit for women whose complications in pregnancy pose a risk to themselves and their unborn child, providing the services and expertise that enables the hospital's neonatal mortality rate to be the lowest of any

in the District, and offering free health promotion seminars.

Structurally and aesthetically Columbia has been dramatically enhanced under Mr. Kane's direction. Major renovations to the existing 1915 facility have taken place and an \$18 million expansion and modernization program is currently in progress plus the completed Columbia Hospital Professional Building provides offices for a wide variety of physician specialists.

Mr. Kane was honored for his Tenth Anniversary at Columbia with a surprise celebration hosted by the Columbia Hospital for Women Foundation Board of Directors on September 14 at the Commissioned Officers Club of the National Naval Medical Command in Bethesda.

COME CELEBRATE JOHN WILSON'S BIRTHDAY

All Foggy Bottom residents are cordially invited to join Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center in cooperation with neighborhood organizations in celebrating Councilmember John Wilson's birthday, Thursday, October 6, 1988 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Columbia Professional Building, 2440 M Street. The evening's activities will include musical entertainment, presentations by representatives from area organizations and a cake-cutting ceremony. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. The party will be held in Suite 320 of the Professional Building. Free parking is available in the garage which can be entered on M Street. From the garage, enter the Professional Building and take the elevators to the third floor.

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OBITUARIES

AMELIA M. HEALY

Amelia M. Healy, beloved mother of Mary Healy, died in July of a stroke and pneumonia. She was 93 years old, had been ill for some time, and died at her home in the Potomac Plaza apartments. She and her daughter had lived there since the building was opened in 1957.

Mrs. Healy was a native Washingtonian, born near the Capitol, where her Italian immigrant parents operated confectionery stores. Her husband, Maurice Francis Healy, died in 1957.

Mrs. Healy in her later years was a familiar figure in the third story window as she watched the activity below and waved to friends and acquaintances as

they walked by. Stories are also told of her charm and friendliness, and how she especially cared for Potomac Plaza employees who often visited her on their own. In addition, she was always involved in Mary's numerous projects, helping and encouraging in any way possible. A story related by J. Walter Lund in his eulogy illustrates her helpfulness and her "legendary obstinacy":

"Many of you also remember when Mary was working on the completion of the new FAA building. And when I said working I meant physically as well. For Mary took it upon herself to help the building people maintain it. Once she took Mama down to the building and assigned her the task of levelling

all the venetian blinds in the building — some 1010 of them. In the process Mary's boss came in and told Mama she shouldn't be doing that because the laborers should. Mama looked him in the eye, with that I-call-it-Sicilian stare, and told him that he wasn't paying her so why should he care and went merri-ly on adjusting those blinds."

The funeral was at St. Stephen Martyr Church, celebrated by Father Thomas J. Sheehan, who recalled visiting her often and being plied with Italian pizzelles (cookies) and good cheer.

All of Mary's friends in Foggy Bottom share her sorrow at the passing of a most beloved resident of our neighborhood.

well as others who live on neighboring streets, where he took occasional alternate routes so that he could see what was in bloom in the front yards of the homes along the way, especially in spring, summer and fall.

Mr. Koller was active in the National Capital Shell Club, and was an aficionado of language usage, as well as a loyal supporter of the arts. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Shirley Koller, an artist, a son, two daughters and four grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. Koller will be held on Monday,

October 10, at 1:00 p.m. at the A. S. Kay Spiritual Life Center at The American University in Washington, D.C.

YOUNG H. YOO

Young H. Yoo, who with her husband owned and operated Washington Circle Market at 2155 Pennsylvania Avenue, died in late June, the victim of a robbery. She was 40 years old and lived in Rockville with her husband and two small children. The incident occurred as she was returning to the store after a trip to the bank.

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HERBERT R. KOLLER

Herbert R. Koller, a resident of Watergate West for more than 19 years, died on Monday, June 6, in Cleveland, Ohio, his birthplace, where he was visiting relatives. Mr. Koller was an Information Scientist, and worked for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for over 35 years.

People in Foggy Bottom may recall Mr. Koller, who walked to the Foggy Bottom Metro Station every morning and took time to smell the flowers and admire the gardens along the way. He claimed to have talked with most of the people who live on New Hampshire Avenue, as

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FB Financial Forum

By Elayne DeVito

This is the first in a series of articles on financial matters of general interest. My topic this month is Individual Retirement Accounts.

If you have not yet retired, perhaps you have not made a contribution to your IRA, because you think it is no longer a deductible item when you file your tax returns in April. However, if you are not covered by a plan at work (or if married, neither of you are covered by a plan at work), and you were not 70-1/2 or older in 1988, you are still entitled to a full deduction of \$2,000 regardless of how much you earned. If you are single and covered by a plan at work, and your adjusted gross income is \$25,000 or less, you are entitled to a full deduction. If your adjusted gross is more than \$35,000 but less than \$35,000 you will have a prorata deduction; no deduction is allowed if your AGI is more than \$35,000. If you are married, and either of you is covered by a plan at work, you are still entitled to a full deduction of \$4,000 if your total AGI is \$40,000 or less, and to a prorata deduction between \$40,000 and \$50,000. If your spouse is not employed, or earns less than \$250, you are able to contribute \$2,250 to your IRA. These rules do not apply to lump-sum distributions received because of a pension plan termination or change of employment, nor do they apply to transfers of plans from one institution to another.

Remember that even though you might not be able to take a deduction, if you are only a few years from retirement (or age 59-1/2), and are unlikely to need the money before then, you will reap a great advantage by having your IRA contributions compound on a tax-deferred basis, particularly with some of the high yields available from "zero" coupon bonds, Government, or high grade corporate bonds. If you are willing to accept some risk, mutual funds which combine a reasonable level of income and also offer growth possibilities might be a good choice. Note that you will have until April 15, 1989 (or the date you file, if earlier), to set up a plan and make your contribution for 1988.

If you cannot deduct your IRA contribution and are younger and unwilling to tie up your money for a long period of time, you might consider tax-exempt Municipal bonds or bond funds. Another good alternative is a tax-deferred annuity. These investments and their terminology, whether for IRA's Simplified Employee Plans (for self-employed persons), or not, will be discussed in forthcoming columns.

Elayne DeVito is an Investment Officer with Wheat, First Securities at 2550 M Street and is Vice President of the Foggy Bottom Association. Please call her with any questions at 828-8112.



GWU's Kenneth Brooks is questioned by West End resident Marianne Moore.

West End owners initiated the discussion, not GWU.

The *Post*, which obtained a copy of the lease, said the lease does state that it is subject to tenants' rights, but stalls the exercise of those rights by pushing a possible purchase date back to 1997. The tenants argue the extension thwarts their plans to buy and convert the building, especially since GWU intends to fill vacancies in the 86-unit building with students. Tenants say moving students in would further erode the capacity for securing enough tenants to purchase the building.

The tenants say GWU had an addendum to add to new leases that required new tenants or their spouses to be fulltime students.

That clause provoked major controversy at the August 11 Marvin Center meeting, with West End residents and Coun-

cil member Wilson arguing that stipulation violates D.C. housing and antidiscrimination laws. The University has agreed to withdraw that portion of its plan, but says the owners have not approved its elimination.

Despite striking out the addendum, tenants say they are still worried the University will try to fill vacancies with students.

At this point, the tenants plan to keep the fight in the political arena, since a legal battle would be costly. The tenants association is focusing on obtaining a copy of the master lease, with the figures included, so as to get a better idea of the deal the University made with the owners. The tenants' association is also continuing to collect earnest money to show there is a strong block of tenants who are interested in buying and converting the building.



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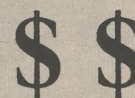
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Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

Did you know that **Mary Morgan** has lived in the Excelsior for 17 years? In her life-so-far she's moved 33 times — not lately though . . . obviously.

Walter Johnson's granddaughter **Madeline Mastin** visited him at the Westbridge over the summer. She's 13 and already 5'7" tall. Mastin's home is Ohio. Johnson exclaimed: "My granddaughter was so polite and had such a sense of humor." That's GRAND! Her mother is 6' and Johnson is 5'11" — talk about genes.

Walter Johnson and Richard Price had a two-week trek to the northwest this month. They went to the island of Orcas in Puget Sound. Orcas is one of the islands of the San Juan chain off the coast of Washington state. They stayed with friends and then traveled further to Vancouver, Canada and had also a stop in Seattle before heading back to Foggy Bottom. This is Price's first holiday to this part of the states and one of the only to a place that is not a city. He's a city boy.

E. Taylor Chewning of The Griffin spent the summer in Maine and is back in the city with a simply mah-velous tan.

Karen and Desi Gomes welcomed a second baby girl to their family this summer. Her name is Brittany Mae and she is as pretty as her older sister Emily. Desi is the owner of the Foggy Bottom Apothecary on 22nd Street.

Greg Hartten and his wife **Debbie** are expecting their first child in March.

Robin Weir was at the Republican Convention in New Orleans, backstage, to resurrect hair styles of participants from that city's

humidity in August. We missed you here, Robin, we all had the "droopies" too.

Margaret Stamper, one of my sisters, visited over the summer. She resides in "our" hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee with her husband, Walter. Took her to one of my favorite spots in DC where the National Airport planes literally and excitingly fly right over you next to Lady Bird Park.

Nora Benolie is working on her Master's at GWU, has 1/2 down, 1/2 to go. International studies is her Master work.

Paul Groshko, formerly Safeway Emporium's Manager, married **Renee** recently and said after 2 months of marriage wished he tied the knot sooner. . . he's so happy.

Foggy Bottom News Editor **Elie Becker** visited with a sister and saw "Les Mis" on Broadway on a trip to upstate New York and Canada this summer.

Dorothy Gori has just finished another oil, "The Human Form," all in pinks, whites punctuated in black. Saw her on her way to the Washington Arts Club accompanied by her son **Tim Gori** who is, when he is not

working on his Master's at AU, his mother's manager. Dorothy said that she went to school with the late Andy Warhol at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh and that all that he wanted was money. Well, with the reported 100-million-dollar estate estimated that he left, guess that he had his life's wish fulfilled.

Saw **Ora Lee Francis** who resides at The Elise looking cool and chic in a suit dress of browns and blacks on her way to the dentist.

Ken Frank got away to Dewey Beach for a couple of weeks this summer.

Misty, a gray poodle, and **Rosemarie Henry** were spied taking summer strolls on the sidewalks of Foggy Bottom.

Claire Cifti has written a novel about her first years out of nursing school in Pennsylvania when she was assisting in a psychiatric hospital and tending to a special patient. Cifti also has written a "how to" book. She's a special duty nurse and late at night or on call she also writes and writes in long hand her mysteries and short stories.

Kathleen Hill, longtime resident of The Watergate, moved to Weston, Connecticut this past July. When I suggested she take her snuggies, Hill exclaimed, "Oh, I love cold weather." Hill also has a daughter who resides in Weston.

Katherine Roseboro, widow of Howard who both walked Tip, the familiar black and white family dog, moved to Shreveport, LA in August to live with a granddaughter who has been in service in Germany and is returning to the states. Katherine plans to stay cool in the open spaces of Shreveport. Katherine was born in Athens, Georgia,

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so she's looking forward to returning to the deep South at this time. The day I visited with her she was with her great grandson, **Arthur**, who is a child of the granddaughter she is to live with in Louisiana.

Steve Timlin returned from a 3-1/2-week trip out west where he used to live in Pacific Grove on the Monterey Peninsula and he also traveled to San Jose, Santa Rosa, Palo Alto, and Salinas even taking the train to Los Angeles from San Francisco. He said, "I had never done that before and I really enjoyed it."

Serdar is the name of the new fifth son of Denise and George Ozturk. Five boys. . . the youngest will be one year old soon.

Cliff Parsons is excited about his home away from home in Elkins, WV. Bought a place on two acres with a babbling brook yet. Has plans for a man-made lake, a few head of cattle and maybe even a chicken or two in the near future. He flies out of National in a small commuter plane and is there in one hour. In the city his abode is a condo in Bladensburg. Did you know that is where the British came ashore to burn down Washington? The Corps of Engineers pushed the waters back and filled in a lot of the area but there's

talk now about clearing channels again. Did you know that you can power boat from Bladensburg into Washington's Watergate? Parsons works at the complex.

Leon Miranian just returned from the U.S. National Drag Racing week at Indianapolis. He was 17th to qualify with over 200 trying. Top money prize was \$10-12,000. Leon won enough to pay his expenses with the fun of racing his '68 Corvette which he carries inside a trailer with its own shop to maintain its efficiency. Brother Eddie attended but didn't race this time. On their return to their Exxon station at the Watergate they dig through paperwork, so that they can go again, this time to the Keystone Nationals in Pennsylvania right outside Reading, PA in Maple Grove. When they don't race, they go antique hunting in their various race locations.



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From By-Gone Days*

By Harold Lindstrom

Closing of Pete's Place Blow to Foggy Bottom

Washington's closest approach to the old-time shillelagh-and-sawdust saloon, "Pete" Dailey's Foggy Bottom place, has closed its swinging doors to the march of progress.

For 27 years the restaurant at 2500 G Street N.W. has been a favorite of the social set and the hoi polloi, the boys in blue and the men who live by chance.

Those who were fond of a brimming glass found Pete's place a friendly haven. Pete's was one Washington bistro that eked out the last minute of the 2 a.m. closing hour in a town where the sidewalks are in by midnight almost everywhere else.

And Pete's was always open as early as the law allows for those who like a morning sip. Informality was the rule. You could patronize Pete's in dungarees or riding breeches, tails or topcoats.

Riding clothes were as common a sight as any other garb. For years, there were several riding academies near Pete's and it was an oasis for those just back from a canter through Rock Creek Park.

A frequent visitor was a goat with green horns. Pete Dailey himself, who died in 1951, painted the horns green. The goat lived in a nearby stable.

"This will leave thousands homeless," said Helen Beall, a waitress, as Pete's closed last night. Mrs. Mildred Parker, old Pete's daughter and last owner of the place, said People's Life Insurance Co. is buying the property for a new building.

Foggy Bottom is changing character but they are looking for a new site in the Bottom to start a new Pete Dailey's. "It has to be down here somewhere," said the manager, Buddy Sweeney, as he drew the last few beers, "the customers wouldn't stand for any other location."

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St. Mary's Writing Students Celebrate

A party celebrating the end of an 8-week course in expressive writing was held recently at St. Mary's Court. The course, attended by 15 St. Mary's Court residents and others from the FB community, was taught by Mary Quattlebaum; it is one of about a dozen courses in St. Mary's program for its residents and the community.

Quattlebaum has taught courses at St. Mary's for four years; she also does writing and editing for Children's Hospital and teaches a writing workshop at Georgetown University.

Samples of the students' works were read, including a piece called "The Street Person," by Elizabeth Valicenti, describing the late "Commander" who was a familiar figure in our neighborhood; Helen Bryan brought back memories with her reading on wash day, with references to the lye soap, washboards, and wash-tubs which preceded automatic washers and dryers; and Ruth Matthews spoke for many with her "Dialogue Between Ruth and Escalator."

Welcome New Contributors

Harold Lindstrom, resident of the Elise since 1957, is a new contributor to the *Foggy Bottom News* with articles on by-gone days from his sources at the Columbia Historical Society. Lindstrom gives tours of the Society's Heurich Mansion headquarters to interested persons and has just finished trimming and copying on acid-free paper hundreds of collected clippings on Foggy Bottom.

The Mansion was willed to the Historical Society in 1956 by the Heurichs and remains as it was since 1894 with some renovations for office space and library.

Tours are Wednesday through Saturday from 12 to 4. There is a small admission charge for the "as you arrive" tours of the building.

Memberships to the Columbia Historical Society are also available.

Two other contributors enter the columns of the *News* this month. **Elayne DeVito** begins a series of columns on financial matters, and **Chris Lamb** of the Savoy is covering the ANC meetings and is reporting on the actions taken and subjects discussed. Welcome, welcome!



Area Residents Among New Officers of St. Mary's Court

At its Twelfth Annual Meeting in June, the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Court elected a slate of officers that includes two Foggy Bottom residents.

Geoffrey Stamm, who has served the Foggy Bottom community in a variety of posts, and was a member of the Board and Treasurer for its last term, was elected President of the Board for the 1988-1989 term. Mr. Stamm looks forward to a productive year in which a broader spectrum of activities will become available to the residents of the Court and the wider community as well. He noted that

the Court's management and the Neighborhood Support Group, under the chairmanship of Mary Healy, continue to develop plans for community events that will further the objective of making St. Mary's Court an active community center for all persons of whatever age.

Mary K. Nenno, also a Foggy Bottom resident, was elected Treasurer of the Corporation for the 1988-1989 term. Ms. Nenno, now in her second year as a Board member, brings a wealth of experience in housing management and financing to the Board.

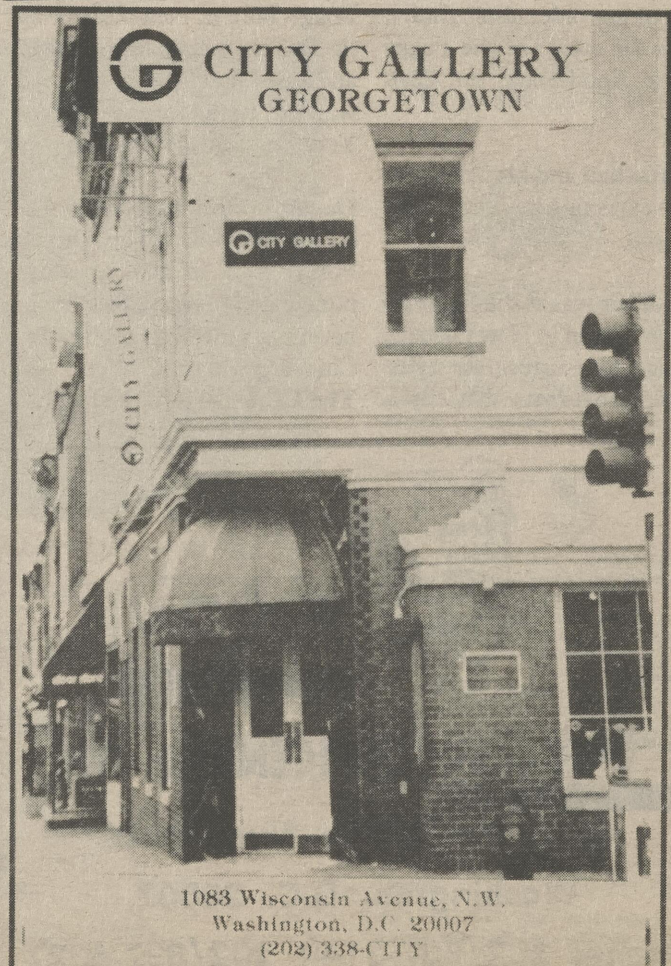
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Faces of Foggy Bottom



Some young boys dream of being a firefighter or baseball player when they grow up. Aby Buchbinder says he has always wanted to be a doctor, and by the age of 12 knew he wanted to research cancer.

How did he know he wanted to unlock the mysteries of cancer at the age when few people even know what it is?

He doesn't know. Pure and simple, Aby says he's just fascinated by the unbelievable

complexity of such tiny micro-organisms.

Now, at 28, he's living out his dream in style as a specialist-in-training at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. Aby is in the third year of an oncology fellowship, and is currently working on a project to discover why the AIDS virus attacks the body the way it does.

Aby says he didn't choose his field because someone in his family has cancer, or because

one of his parents is a doctor. The Buchbinders haven't been touched by cancer, and both his parents are teachers.

Rather, he derives great satisfaction from trying to answer the continual stream of questions diseases like cancer pose. In fact, he loves his discipline so much, he says he regularly puts in 12-hour days. But cancer is an ugly disease, one that if not caught early brings a slow, lingering death.

But Aby says he doesn't get depressed from his line of work. He points out even though one in four people will contract some form of cancer, if detected early enough, most cancers can be cured. He adds if the disease does become terminal, cancer patients can live out their lives relatively pain-free with the aid of drugs.

But most importantly, Aby feels his role as a researcher means every incidence of cancer he sees he can later investigate for clues to its cause.

That's the reason he doesn't want to be in private practice which Aby feels, would be depressing. In private practice, a doctor can only attempt to

treat a disease, not aid in finding a solution.

But participating in such a highly specialized field takes years to learn the language of medicine. He attended McGill University in his hometown of

Montreal, and Aby says learning medicine isn't too hard, just time-consuming. Along the way, he also learned English (they speak French in Montreal), Hebrew and some Italian.

When he is not working, Aby says he enjoys going to the theatre and to museums and is beginning a personal collection of African art. He likes African art because it's so expressive, but since it's also expensive, his collection is building up slowly.

When Aby first came to Washington, he lived in Georgetown, but now says he's a fan of Foggy Bottom, which is much quieter. He walks around the area, and likes its convenience. With his fellowship at NIH ending soon, Aby says he will probably stay in the U.S., and possibly will go to work for the Veterans Administration in New York.

All in all, Aby says he couldn't ask for much more — he's happy with his work and where he lives and looking for answers to medical questions through his microscope.

By Kirsten Olsen

Name: Aby Buchbinder
Address: The Claridge House
Business: Doctor/Researcher in Oncology (cancer)
Hobbies: Running, reading, collecting African art

You're Invited

Beverlee Ahlin will be honored at a reception at the Watergate Gallery on the lower level of the Mall on October 25th. Ahlin formerly taught the Boat House Art School at Thompson Boat House, and will be in Foggy Bottom for the reception and her watercolor art show. The artist is now living and teaching in Maitland, Florida.

Dale Johnson, owner of the Watergate Gallery and Frame Design Shop, invites you to stop by for the reception and show. Reception hours will be between 6 and 9 p.m. The show will run through November.

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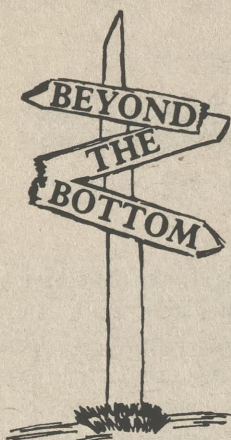


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BEYOND THE BOTTOM

By Kirsten Olsen

It's the perfect season with the ideal temperature for long, meandering Sunday drives. But instead of cruising out to the mountains, go the other way and head for the Chesapeake Bay.

The Bay in fall? No way, you think, it's wet and cold and who wants to be by the water in cool weather? But the eastern peninsula offers much more than just shoreline — there are compact, historical, cozy towns of clapboard and brick alongside reedy waterways lined with migrating geese.

I've convinced you? OK — you'll need a map for this tour; it runs from Centreville, Maryland up to New Castle, Delaware, a trip of about 70 miles one way. (Needless to say, this is an all-day adventure.)

Take Route 50 East from Washington, continue past Annapolis and over the Bay Bridge until Route 50 turns to the right and Highway 301 is to your left. Take Highway 301 about five miles until you see to the left Route 213 to Centreville, Maryland. (Route 213 is what you'll be taking almost the whole way to New Castle.) Route 213

passes through 13 small towns, some of the most notable being Chestertown, Georgetown and Chesapeake City.

Chestertown, which sits on the Chester River, is the county seat of Kent County. The town was officially founded in 1706, although people had settled the area in 1668. Washington College, the tenth oldest institution of higher learning in the U.S., is located in Chestertown, along with some magnificent homes.

The largest homes lie on Water Street, which is the first left after you cross the bridge into town. Other pleasant streets for strolling are Cross Street, High Street and Maple Avenue.

After touring the residential sections, head inland to the town square. It's surrounded by a mix of modern and historic shops, and is quite active for a small town. For a more detailed tour, pick up a walking map from the Kent County Chamber of Commerce at 118 North Cross Street.

Up about 17 miles from Chestertown is Georgetown, a comfortable boating community on the Sassafra River. For lunch, there's a restaurant called the Granary that has a nice view. (I didn't eat there, though, so I can't vouch for the food.)

Continuing to wind up the road through small clusters of farms and houses, look carefully for signs pointing to

Chesapeake City after about 20 miles. The town is situated on the Elk River and the man-made Chesapeake and Delaware Canal tucked under a thoroughly modern steel bridge.

As you drive down the tiny main street, you'll be struck by how this town looks like a tourist attraction under construction — but don't let that put you off. Chesapeake City is being rebuilt but so far it hasn't lost its charm. The little stores along the streets actually have some cute stuff at less-than-outrageous prices.

All these scenic little towns should have properly whetted your appetite for something more substantial — like New Castle, Delaware. Drive just four miles to Highway 40, take a right, and follow the signs.

New Castle lies just south of Wilmington, and is a perfectly preserved town of yesteryear. Because of its proximity to Wilmington, it is becoming a bedroom community, but that's not all bad — it gives the area a lived-in feeling. It's also becoming a tourist attraction, so go before it gets too crowded.

New Castle was established in 1651 as Fort Casimir by Peter Stuyvesant over the protests of local Swedish colonists. The Swedes promptly took it back, and then the Dutch took it from the Swedes and renamed it New

Amstel. The British captured the town in 1664, and gave the place its present name of New Castle. It changed hands once more, but then came to stay with the British.

The town is proud of its place in history as the site of William Penn's first landing in the colonies. When Penn arrived, he

construction in New Castle ceased, resulting in a town today that looks much the same as it did a long time ago.

Some of the features New Castle retains are the town green, laid out by Peter Stuyvesant in 1655, the old Capitol with the white cupola on top, and the octagonal library.



possessed a charter from the King deeding Pennsylvania and Delaware to him. The charter however, did not sit well with the Delaware colonists, who demanded home rule and received it in 1704.

New Castle remained the seat of government until the American Revolution. During the Revolution, the British soldiers came a little too close for the government's liking, and so the capital was moved down the coast to Dover.

Despite the loss of the capital, New Castle was active until Wilmington began overshadowing it as the main commerce center for the area. Gradually,

Frankly, the town has so many historical buildings, it would be difficult to go through all of them here. But trust me, the town makes you feel as if a carriage from the 1700's could roll by at any moment. One other note: stroll down by the river. There's a very nice river park, with wide open green space and a playground for children.

After exploring New Castle, you'll probably be ready to head home. That's easy enough . . . all you need to do is head west and follow the signs for 95 South, and store up some energy for your next trip Beyond the Bottom.

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Neighborhood Datebook

Sunday, September 25: Kennedy Center Open House Arts Festival, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Featured are a wide range of performers and includes activities for children including clowns, mimes and jugglers.

Monday, September 26: Foggy Bottom Association Meeting, 2430 K Street, N.W. 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Councilmember John A. Wilson.

Tuesday, September 27: Exhibition Opening and Commentary: "Traditions of D.C. Democracy: Political Participation in the Nation's Capital 1800-1988," Columbia Historical Society, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue; members free, non-members \$4.00. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 1: St. Stephen Martyr Open House. All who are elderly and sick are invited to receive the Sacrament of Anointing at 5:00 p.m. in the church at 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue.

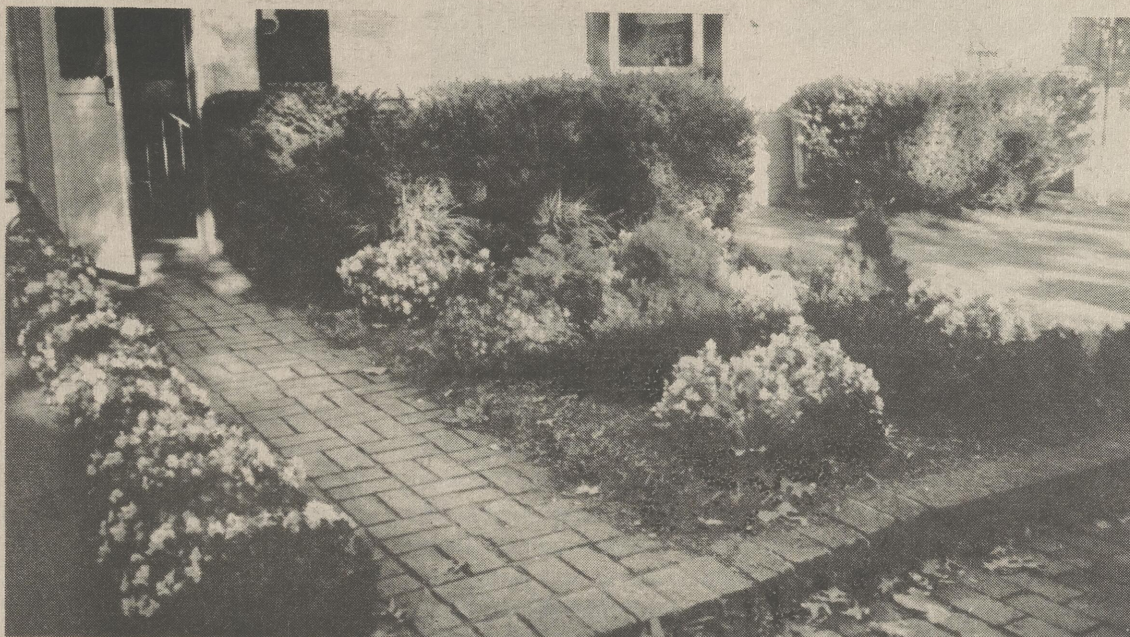
Thursday, October 6: Birthday Celebration for John Wilson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Columbia Hospital for Women. Reservations requested. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

Saturday, October 8: Exhibition Tour: "Best Addresses: A Century of Washington's Distinguished Apartment Houses," 9:40-10:45 a.m. or 1:00-12:00 noon, National Building Museum. CHS members \$3.50; non-members \$5.00; phone CHS, 785-2068 for reservations.

Tuesday, October 11: ANC Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Red Cross, 2025 E Street.

Saturday, October 15: Health Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., St. Stephen Martyr Parish Hall, 25th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and K Street. Featured will be cholesterol screening, diabetes screening, eye exam, dental exam, blood pressure, information for senior citizens and more.

Saturday, October 15: Autumn Festival Bazaar, St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Contributions of crafts, books, treasures, clothes & baked goods are welcome on 10/9, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on 10/10-14, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)



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Biz Buzz

By Betty Olsen

Aliucha Tijero is Assistant Manager of The Claridge House Cooperative.

Watergate's Brenneman-Ryan Realtors has joined forces with Century 21.

Paul and Bill Lucas, new advertisers in the *Foggy Bottom News* for Le Jardin, also own the Paul Mall and Winston's. They have recently also opened a new restaurant, The Midtown Bar & Grill, located at 1827 M Street N.W.

Barbara Searle, head of the Claridge House Board of Directors, directed her first annual meeting for the shareholders. A reception followed the annual meeting in the newly decorated lobby of the cooperative with wine, cheese, shrimp and fruits in season. The next day Searle left for London, then on to China for 5 weeks where she conducted business for the World Bank. "I don't speak Chinese yet," she said. "I'm still studying since it is a difficult language to learn."

Joe Miller was speechless when the Foggy Bottom Association presented him a plaque at its June meeting. The Association was speechless too when they tried to put into words how much Miller means to the organization — that's why the plaque was presented to show him their gratitude.

Dr. G. Ghamary, dentist in Foggy Bottom on New Hampshire Ave., traveled to Baltimore recently for talks on oral surgery. Dr. Ghamary received his MS from Georgetown University in this field.

Plaza Business Center has expanded its secretarial services. I

mean — reallllly. Remember when their business news was in this column this year telling of how Sheraton Hotel chain had contacted them with interest for their business after a mention in the Sheraton newsletter? Well, **Jo Buckenheimer**, President, had gone to Long Beach, California, to follow up their shared interest and in mid-August they opened an office in the Sheraton there, right across from the Convention Center. **Jack Meyers**, right-hand man to son **Larry Buckenheimer**, head of the Washington Hilton business office, journeyed out to assist the setup, but Meyers relocated. In mid-September The Plaza Business Center also opened new offices at the Sheraton in Richmond, VA. Mrs. Buckenheimer herself opened that office and will be back and forth to the Virginia capital to oversee. See what good things happen when you advertise in *Foggy Bottom News*!

The Hillel Building on George Washington's campus is opening a Kosher Club this month. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday there will be meat presentations and Tuesday and Thursday the menus will be dairy, in keeping with Kosher laws. At first, until November 1st, you will be able to stop by to eat without membership, but after that date membership will be required unless you are a first-time diner. The Club is airy and filled with art on display and for sale from Art Sites, a group of Jewish artists in the DC area. The Club is located on the lower level of the building and **Nancy James** is the director of catering for the Club. "There's a salad bar, special

menus of the day, deli sandwiches of all sizes and descriptions and more," James said. Location: 2300 H Street, N.W.

Paul Groshko, recent manager of the Safeway Emporium at Watergate, is transferred to the Safeway at Wisconsin and Davenport Street. **Mark Woodfield** is the new manager.

Kirsten Olsen has been with Channel 21 Montgomery County Television since June doing on-air reporting.

Nancy Glick of Watergate Opticians has returned from Expo '88 in New York buying European-styled frames for her shop at the Watergate Mall. **Cliff Parsons**, her assistant for over 8 years, carried on while she was out of the city.

The State Plaza Hotel has announced the appointment of **Erich Zuri** as General Manager effective in July 1988. Mr. Zuri, a native of Austria, has extensive experience in the hotel/restaurant management field. He has worked around the globe in this discipline including West Germany, South Africa and Austria. One of Mr. Zuri's past positions includes Director of Food and Beverage and Restaurant Manager for the Mayflower Hotel in Washington.

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Miller Honored

(Continued from page 1)

FBA elections were also held in June, and the following were elected: President, Richard Price; Vice President, Elayne DeVito; Secretary, Jessie Stewart; Treasurer, Dinanda Nooney; and Membership Director, Grace Watson.

Re-elected to the Board were John Abruzzese and Marianna Moore; newly elected were David Carney, Morris J. Chalick, M.D., Evelyn Freyman and Ruth M. Knauff. Ex officio members of the Board are Ellie Becker, FBN Editor, and Robert C. Brewster, Immediate Past President.

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ANC Meeting Highlights

By Chris Lamb

July 12, 1988

1. Resolution Regarding the 24th and Penn Avenue Townhouses: Numerous complaints were voiced concerning the failure of the owner to properly maintain the area at 24th and Penn. The ANC unanimously passed a resolution to request the city to force the owner to do work to put the property in order but not to tear down the existing townhouses. The city was also requested to revoke the owner's permit to build a building on the site if improvements were not made.

2. Establishment of a Committee for Historic Designation Review: A proposal was unanimously passed to create a committee to do historic preservation planning in Foggy Bottom and to advise residents of preservation laws. The Committee would work with the ANC and the FoggyBottom Association to identify historic sites to ensure that they are preserved. The committee would be on the alert for any historic sites which are in danger and take the proper steps to prevent destruction. Three members of the ANC were appointed to the Committee. Foggy Bottom residents who would like to serve on the committee should contact the ANC.

3. Watergate Hotel Garage Expansion Plan Presentation: A proposal was considered to expand the health facility into the garage of the Watergate Hotel. A variation in the zoning laws is required and the chief engineer explained the plan to absorb 12 parking spaces. The new expanded health facility would have a larger weight room, aerobic room and a climate-change air conditioner. The health facility is open to all residents and if renovated would be comparable to a good health club. The ANC will

further review the plan and report back at a later time.

4. 20th And L Street Proposal: Lawyers and architects representing the developers of the "Vanguard Building" sought approval to renovate the NE corner of 20th and L to include 2 additional floors and a new exterior design. The building would house a day care facility for 35 children and a portion of the ground floor would be set aside for minority businesses. In addition the developers would give a \$470,000 grant to the Stevens School over a 5-year period to help develop educational programs.

Complaints were voiced by the ANC concerning the building design and a desire to have the developer encourage commercial services needed by the community. ANC 2B is against the proposal. The Commission voted 5-1 to take a neutral stand on the renovation.

5. Red Cross Proposal to Construct a New Building: The Senate approved S.2496 which would raze the existing Red Cross Building at 2025 E Street and build a new building. Congressional approval is required because the Federal government owns the property. The ANC voted to do a preliminary study for a landmark application which would protect the existing Red Cross building.

6. Updates on Proposed Commercial Development: 1255 22ND STREET: the developer wants to put up an office building with an entrance onto N Street; the ANC wants the building to be part residential.

21ST AND PENN (Circle Theatre): the developer wants to close the alley while permitting access to other buildings; C&P objects to the alley closing because they have equipment they need access to; the ANC wants at least 5000 square feet of building devoted to a new movie theatre.

2401 PENN: after the last Zoning Commission hearing on 6/20,

it was agreed that the building would have 8 floors (1 retail, 3 commercial and 4 residential); the developer is to provide a brick sidewalk, landscape the library and plant trees in the nearby park.

25TH AND N: originally was to be residential although the latest proposal before the Zoning Commission is to have only 1 or 2 residential floors.

August 9, 1988

1. Beauty Parlor at 910 New Hampshire Avenue: A proposal was heard to establish a beauty parlor at 910 New Hampshire Ave. next to the 7-11. The proposed owners would take over the first floor of the townhouse which is now being used as a dental office. The ANC noted that the 7-11 was given a 6-year zoning variance but has been a disruptive influence on the block. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

2. Cooper Houses at 2521-23 K Street: The site was to be leased by universities to students for 5 years after which the units would be sold as condominiums. There was a fire at the site on 7/28/88 which the Fire Department called arson. The units were badly damaged but there is little hope the arsonist will be found. The ANC passed a motion to the



Board of Condemnation not to permit destruction of the building and to urge the owner to clean up the area.

3. West End Apartments: In 1981 an agreement was signed by Councilman Wilson and George Washington University to protect the West End Apartments. The agreement states that GWU will not seek to purchase the building for 10 years to give the current occupants time to buy the property themselves. On 8/1/88 GW sent a letter to all tenants stating that they were leasing

the building. Tenants did not have to leave but only students would move in when there were vacancies. The West End Tenants Association feels that this leasing arrangement effectively prevents them from purchasing the building and therefore violates the 1981 agreement. A spokesman for GW told the ANC that GW does intend to purchase the building but will honor the 10-year waiting period. Past and current ANC members strongly criticized GW for what they considered a violation of the spirit of the agreement.

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